

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2005
AT 10:00 AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

- Mr Joe Byrne (Chairman)
- Mr Alex Attwood
- (1) Mr Brian Dougherty
- Mr Sam Foster
- Mr Willie Hay
- Mr Ian Paisley Jnr
- Mr Suneil Sharma

**PSNI OFFICERS IN
ATTENDANCE**

- (2) Chief Superintendent, Craigavon DCU
- (2) Constable, Craigavon DCU
- (3) Chief Superintendent, Newry and Mourn DCU
- (3) Constable, Newry and Mourn DCU

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr Trevor Reaney (Chief Executive)
- Mr David Jackson (Director of Community Affairs)
- Mr Peter Holt (Director of Communications)
- Three Board Officials

- (1) Item 1 – 7 only
- (2) Item 2.1
- (3) Item 2.2

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Bradley and Viscount Brookeborough. As apologies had been received from both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Committee.

It was:

AGREED

That Mr Byrne should chair the November 2005 meeting of the Community Involvement Committee.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Presentation On Geographical Sector Policing In Craigavon DCU

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Superintendent and a constable from Craigavon DCU to the meeting. The Committee received a presentation on geographical sector policing from the Chief Superintendent.

2.2 Presentation On Mobile Police Station

The Chairman welcomed the Chief Superintendent and a constable from Newry and Mourne DCU to the meeting.

The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Superintendent on the use of the new mobile Police Station.

Following the presentation Members commented on the mobile station and expressed their views. Their comments and views included:-

- Concerns about the security of the mobile station.
- Systems for quantifying the time and use of the vehicle
- Arrangements to measure the successful deployment of the mobile station.
- The need for a further update from PSNI to be provided to the Committee on the deployment and successes of the mobile station.

3. MINUTES OF THE 23rd COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2005

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the previous meeting.

It was:

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Involvement Committee held on 12 October 2005 be agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

4.1 Research By The Institute For Conflict Research (ICR) With The Black And Minority Ethnic And Lesbian, Gay And Bi-Sexual Populations
(Item 3 Of Minutes Refers)

This matter was dealt with at item 12.

Options Paper On The Position The Board Might Take In Response To The Alleged Comments By Councillor Jim Rodgers (Item 19 Of Minutes Refers)

The Chief Executive reported to the Committee that the Chairman of the Board had met with Councillor Rodgers on 20 October 2005 and gave details of the statement issued by Councillor Rogers after the meeting. NOTED.

Following this there was a discussion regarding the public disorder in North Belfast during the summer. The Committee was advised that the Deputy Chief Constable would meet with the Members after the Board meeting on 7 December 2005 to discuss policing in North and West Belfast.

Item No:

One Member raised a concern that he had written to the PSNI requesting a copy of the report, submitted by the DCU Commander to the Parades Commission and was advised that the document was classified as confidential and that it could not be released. The Chief Executive advised that he would pursue the matter with the Chief Constable.

5. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman asked Ian Paisley Jnr to comment on his recent presentation to the Second International Community Policing Conference at Colombia. Mr Paisley advised the Committee that he would be submitting a full paper on this event to the next Community Involvement Committee. NOTED.

6. CUSTODY VISITORS STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005

The Committee considered a paper summarising the key points contained in the statistical summary of custody visits carried out during September 2005. NOTED.

Members queried the number of visits classed as "unsatisfactory visits" and queried if there was any pattern emerging on the number of "unsatisfactory visits". Officials undertook to further research the statistics and report back to the Committee.

The Committee was reminded that Custody Visitors had, with effect from 1 October 2005, been empowered to observe (through downstream monitoring), police interviews with detained terrorist suspects.

7. PERFORMANCE MONITORING STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005

7.1 Six Monthly Briefing On Road Safety And Community Safety

The Committee considered a six monthly progress report (covering the period April to September 2005) from PSNI on progress towards meeting the qualitative targets in the 2005/06 Policing Plan in respect of road safety and community safety. NOTED.

7.2 Quarterly Progress Report On Measuring Police Response Times in Emergency Calls

The Committee considered the quarterly progress reports from the PSNI on their work in establishing a baseline for measuring police response times to emergency calls. NOTED.

8. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee considered an action sheet showing progress against each recommendation following the review of the work of the DPPS. NOTED

9. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP TRAINING NEEDS ANALYSIS

The committee was updated on the outcomes of the DPP Training Needs Analysis (TNA) project which was carried out during the period July – October 2005 the Committee considered the TNA Report Executive Summary. NOTED

10. UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee considered the proposal from the University of Ulster for the provision of training and development for the DPPs. However in the absence of the Committee Chairman, who had been in contact with the University of Ulster, Members considered it appropriate to defer this item to the next meeting, when the Committee Chairman would be in attendance. NOTED.

The Chairman through the Chief Executive expressed the view that any contract for training should be subject to competitive tender and that he had registered a potential conflict of interest given his relationship with the University of Ulster. NOTED

11. UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS IN NORTH BELFAST RESEARCH REPORT

The Committee was provided with feedback from North Belfast DCU on recommendations made in an ICR research report entitled 'Young people's attitudes and experiences of policing, violence and community safety in North Belfast'. The Committee considered whether the PSNI's response fully addressed the report's recommendations relating to the PSNI.

It was:

AGREED

That the Board should write to ACC McCausland to request a more thorough response to the recommendations relating to PSNI.

12. ICR RESEARCH WITH THE BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC AND LESBIAN, GAY AND BI-SEXUAL POPULATIONS

Following a presentation by the Institute for Conflict Research (ICR) on their research involving the Black and Minority Ethnic and Lesbian, Gay and Bi sexual Populations, to the October 2005 Committee meeting, members had asked that their comments be passed to the ICR before the final draft report.

The Committee considered a redrafted executive summary and recommendations in both reports.

After a discussion on the redrafts, it was proposed that a full copy of the reports be circulated to Committee Members.

It was:

RECOMMENDED

That the Board, in conjunction with OPONI and PSNI, should draft an action plan in response to the ICR reports prior to their publication.

13. COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

The Director of Communications advised on the following three communication issues:

- DPP Recruitment.
- An update on the round of visits to DPP managers to discuss their communication support needs.
- The joint PSNI/NIPB Christmas domestic burglary prevention advertising campaign (also made available to DPPs for their use)

NOTED.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Director of Community Affairs advised the Committee that letters of offer had been sent to the DPP independent members. A response date of 18 November 2005 had been included with the offer.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was arranged for 14 December 2005.

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CHAIRMAN